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Rev. Amos A. Phelps
32 Washington Street

Private Boston

be ready to accede to it at once on my
return from Washington, unless a satis-
factory arrangement can be made for
me at New York - Provided, an honorable
discharge can be procured from Piercy
& Reed, who now have the contract for
publishing the paper till May 1. If I
do not change, you must abide in
your present post - without fail -

Yours truly

John Leavitt

The imperfection of the arrangements,
and having a great anxiety to be making
preparations to go to Washington, I have
concluded to go home tonight. You will
have force enough at Janneton without
me, & those who will be there, will be chiefly
those who have already heard the story of
what I have to say, & under these cir-
cumstances, I do not think I ought
to repeat the Encomium any longer
for any thing further I can effect here.
I have received nothing for my expenses,
& as I am short of funds, & need all I
can get to go to Washington, I will
thank you to send me the amount as
early as convenient. I have been
exceedingly interested in my turn, &
gratified with an acquaintance
among the people of the Old Colony. I
hope my labors may not prove to
have been altogether vain. With regard
to the other subject of our conference,
I feel less & less personal reluctance
to make the proposed change, & shall

Rev. Joshua Leavitt,
Attestings Dec. 24. 1840

Dear Brother Phelps -

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We have got so far in our circuit, in pretty good health, although the length of our journeys in the cold wears somewhat upon the system. Our appointments have been too much scattered. The notices have only been given in each ~~day~~ place the day before the meetings, consequently the knowledge is limited, & the attendance small. I think if we have the privilege of another campaign, we had better get ~~Albion Street~~ to come & spend a week at two or three important ports, & employ agents, if at all, in holding a series of lectures in each town or parish. Our audiences have been very small in most of the towns, but I believe a permanent impression is made upon those who heard, so that we shall greatly increase the liberty vote, & unless the Democratic party relax their efforts through discouragement, we shall not fail of preventing a choice.